

JACK JACQUA, JOE MARSHALL OF
OMEGA BOYS CLUB

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 1996

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Jack Jacqua and Joe Marshall of the Omega Boys Club in San Francisco on their recent award of the National Education Association's Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Award.

The unrelenting determination and perseverance and faith of these two extraordinary men have succeeded in building the Omega Boys' Club from 15 members to 500 since the club's inception in 1987.

The Omega Boys' Club motivates at-risk youth to reject violence, succeed academically, gain admission to college, offers employment and entrepreneurship training, adult and peer counseling, and affords them and important support network to get them off the streets and onto a successful life through higher learning.

One hundred members of the Omega Boys' Club are currently enrolled at institutions of higher learning throughout the country. Omega not only helped them achieve the funding to go to school, it also gave them the tools, the skills and the support network essential to achieve great things.

Jack Jacqua has been described as a surrogate father to many Potrero Hill families. Coming to Potrero Hill Middle School in 1973, he was compelled to challenge the drift afflicting students receiving the least encouragement and attention. "I'd like to see their lives have purpose and direction * * * All they need is for someone to care."

Joe Marshall, co-founder and father of the Omega Boys Club, hosts a weekly radio talk show for at risk youth and tours the country telling the inspirational Omega story. His belief and commitment to young people knows no limits, and at-risk youth have thrived under his care and direction.

These two men are heroes in the tradition of Martin Luther King, Jr.—recognized leaders who utilize outreach, education, and counseling to show young people that there are worthy alternatives to violence in their communities.

Mr. Speaker, I salute Jack and Joe and wish them all the best as they continue their important, award-winning work with youth at the Omega Boys Club. This award is just one of many they greatly deserve for turning the lives of at-risk young people around.

U.S. JUDGE ROBERT E. COYLE:
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE RECOGNIZED

HON. GEORGE P. RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 1996

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, my friend and Government colleague, U.S. District Judge Robert E. Coyle, recently assumed senior status, after distinguished service as chief judge of the Eastern District of California.

Those who know Judge Coyle well from having practiced with him in his earlier law ca-

reer and later having appeared before him as a Federal judge are unstinting in their praise of his dedication to legal excellence. Indeed, in recognition of those qualities which distinguish Judge Coyle, a group of lawyers from my 19th Congressional District recently sent a letter to me that relates their sentiments.

I take pleasure in making that expression a part of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD as well as adding my own tribute to Judge Coyle for the splendid service he continues to give his community and our country.

Re Honorable Robert E. Coyle.

DEAR GEORGE: The undersigned are all active members of the California Bar and admitted to practice before the Eastern District of California. Each of us has a significant federal practice.

We know that you are aware that Robert E. Coyle who served as Chief Judge of the Eastern District of California recently accepted senior status.

We believe that Judge Coyle's many years of dedicated public and civic service, his commitment to justice and fairness, his fabulous career as a lawyer and counselor—as well as his zeal for improved courtroom facilities to serve the public—and service to the community, are all deserving of recognition.

As you probably know, Bob Coyle is a native Fresnan. He attended local public schools and graduated from Fresno State University where he was the student body president.

Judge Coyle went on to Hastings College of the Law and from there to the Fresno County District Attorney's Office.

After leaving the D.A.'s Office, Bob joined what became McCormick, Barstow, Sheppard, Coyle & Best (now McCormick, Barstow, Sheppard, Wayte & Carruth) and quickly became a respected counselor of law.

Judge Coyle began his service on the federal bench after President Ronald Reagan nominated him and he was confirmed by the U.S. Senate in 1982. He became Chief Judge in 1990.

Judge Coyle, before whom all of us have appeared on many occasions, is a thoughtful, impartial, insightful and thoroughly prepared judge. Litigants and counsel are treated with respect in his courtroom and are given full opportunity to be heard. Additionally, those appearing before Judge Coyle are also benefitted by his considerable quick wit and sense of humor.

Judge Coyle has presided over many of the most complex and controversial matters presented to the federal courts in our area. His excellence as a legal scholar and adjudicator is well known in our community.

We respectfully request that these considerable accomplishments be made known through the United States by publishing this brief summary of Judge Coyle's career in the Congressional Record so that the citizens of this great land will learn more of the incredible contributions this man has made to our country.

Respectfully yours,
John H. Baker, Val W. Saldana, Donald R. Fischbach, Richard C. Watters, Lawrence E. Wayte, Lowell T. Carruth, Riley C. Walter, Michelle Belanger McNair, Debra J. Kazanjian.

IN MEMORY OF PAM LYNCHNER,
VICTIM OF TWA FLIGHT 800

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 1996

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of the victims of TWA flight 800, which crashed last night off Long Island, NY. Pam Lynchner, a Houstonian, was the founder and past president of Justice For All, a victims' rights organization. Mrs. Lynchner founded Justice For All in 1993, and it soon became the largest criminal justice reform organization in the State of Texas.

Mrs. Lynchner was a tireless advocate for the victims of violent crime. As a crime victim herself, Mrs. Lynchner dedicated her life to ensuring that victims' rights were protected and their voices heard. She was particularly adept at helping others work their way through the criminal justice system. Her efforts on behalf of other crime victims earned her numerous awards and a place as a national spokesperson for victims' rights.

Mrs. Lynchner served as a role model for the thousands of victims of violent crime. Her compassion, her dedication, and her enthusiasm will be sorely missed, but we as a society are better off because of what she contributed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs. Lynchner's family, especially her husband Joe at this difficult time.

SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE
BOMBING OF THE AMIA JEWISH
COMMUNITY BUILDING

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 1996

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the second anniversary of the terrorist bombing of the AMIA Jewish community building in Buenos Aires to pay my respects to the hundreds of victims who perished or were wounded in the attack. My profound condolences go out to their family members whose grief remains unrelieved as all efforts to bring the terrorist perpetrators to justice have been fruitless.

That the second anniversary of this atrocity will pass with the terrorists still at large sends a potent message that this tragic episode demands our immediate and renewed attention. Although there is reason to be encouraged by the recent incarceration of several police officers in relation to the bombing, the case is far from a satisfactory resolution.

Regrettably, new and disturbing news has begun to surface as the investigation proceeds. It has been reported that Argentine Minister of Justice Rodolfo Barra, an official directly responsible for the investigation, was forced to leave his post after it was discovered that he was involved in an extremist, anti-Semitic organization in his youth. Furthermore, authorities in Buenos Aires have denied the families of the victims the right to place a memorial sculpture near the Argentine Supreme Court. All in all, I am concerned that the Argentinean Government is not pursuing the terrorist criminals in the most vigorous fashion.